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APPLICANT(S): Nguyen et al.  
SERIAL NO.: 10/677,977 EXAMINER: Teresa D. Wessendorf  
FILING DATE: October 2, 2003 ART UNIT: 1639  
FOR: Methods of Generating and Screening for Proteases with Altered Specificity

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the March 28, 2005 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before September 28, 2005. A check in the amount of \$510.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 25840-501. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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